

The Times' Daily Short Story.

Asking For a Girl

(Original.)

During the summer Bertram Hall met Claribel Schofield in the mountains and they became engaged. When Bertram's vacation was finished he left his fiancée and went to the city, where he was to find her father and ask his consent to their marriage. Mr. Schofield lived at Glenwood, a suburban village, alone while his family were in the country, and Bertram preferred to go there to see him rather than at his office in the city. He concluded to go out after business hours and return for dinner. A train left the station at 5 o'clock which he could reach Glenwood at 5:30, get the ordeal off his mind and return in time to dine at his club with friends at 7.

The route was entirely new to him, and he asked a gentleman on the train sitting next to him if he would kindly notify him when the train reached Glenwood.

"I get out there, or, rather, at East Glenwood," said the man. "Your station is the next beyond."

"Can you direct me to the residence of Harris B. Schofield?" asked Bertram.

"Certainly. I know him very well," and he gave the desired information.

Since the gentleman knew Mr. Schofield, Bertram concluded to find out what sort of a man he was.

"I've never met the gentleman," said Bertram, "but I hear he is a very pleasant man."

"H'm," drawled the gentleman, "pleasant enough if you don't antagonize him."

"Straight faced or a man of the world?"

"Well, if I wanted to ingratiate myself with him I wouldn't mention wine, liquor, cigars and such things."

"In that case I'm in luck," remarked Bertram. "I thought I'd go out in the smoking car, but concluded I would not."

"Right you are. Old Schofield would want you to hang yourself up to air before going into his presence after smoking."

"Glad I made an engagement to dine at my club with some chums."

The trainman threw open the door and cried, "East Glenwood!" and the gentleman arose.

"Good evening," he said. "I wish you luck in getting away from Schofield to dine with pleasant company."

Half an hour later Bertram reached the house he sought and sent up his card. The butler was gone a long while and when he returned bore on a tray a amber hued fluid in a wineglass.

"Mr. Schofield's compliments. He's dressing for dinner and says you might like a cocktail while you're waiting."

It occurred to Bertram that either he had got into the wrong house or his prospective father-in-law was trying to test him.

"Thanks," he said; "I never drink."

The butler set the glass down without further remark. Bertram let it stand untouched. Mr. Schofield was very long in dressing, and Bertram became impatient. He looked at his watch every five minutes and at last saw that he had but ten minutes for the ordeal and ten more to catch a train to get him back to the city in time for dinner. Tapping an electric bell, he summoned the butler and asked him to say that his time was limited. The butler after a protracted absence returned with another cocktail and an apology from the host for keeping him waiting.

Bertram was now sure that he had got into the wrong house. But inquiries made of the butler only went to prove that he had not. Then he was sure he was being put to a test. He was getting angry.

"Please tell Mr. Schofield," he said sharply, "that I have an engagement to dine with my minister in the city at 7 and beg that he will give me five minutes at once."

A reply to this was shouted over the baluster. "Tell him the minister can wait. Put a bottle of champagne on ice."

"Butler," said Bertram, perplexed, "will you kindly inform Mr. Schofield—Mr. Harris B. Schofield—that I have come to see him on a matter of importance to myself and a member of his family. Let him assure me that I'm not in the wrong house and I will try to wait patiently."

Again the answer came over the baluster, this time mingled with other matters.

"Martin, what have you been doing with my shaving brush, and where are the towels?" then an interval, followed by, "Oh, tell him to be gone if he's in such a hurry."

Bertram threw himself on a sofa, and in due time the odor of a cigarette preceded footsteps on the stairs, and a gentleman entered. Bertram was dumfounded. He was the man he had met on the train. He wore a very cheerful smile and, marching up to Bertram, gave him a cordial shake.

"Pardon my ruse," he said. "The temptation was beyond resistance. I knew you must be Bertram Hall, and I got out purposely at the lower station, reaching the house just before you. And now I trust you will yield this once on this important occasion and drink one of these beverages while I drink the other."

Bertram tossed off the beverage with a blessed relief.

"I respect the cloth," continued Mr. Schofield, "but for today your minister must excuse you."

Bertram blushed, smiled and said that the men at his club certainly wouldn't excuse him. But he was shown to a telephone, whereby he informed his friends that he would not show up for dinner.

That night he wrote his fiancée that he had met her father and the formalities had been gone through with satisfactorily.

F. A. MITCHELL.

HALF SICK PEOPLE

Just sick enough to feel heavy-headed, lazy and listless; to have no appetite, to sleep badly, to lose weight, to feel about as if you were 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning from one side to the other; restless and nervous, and to have what you eat feel like lead in your stomach; not sick enough to take to bed or call a doctor, but just sick enough to not know what to do.

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YOUTH OF 23 YEARS
CHOSEN TO CONGRESS

Zenos J. Rives Awakes the Morning After Election and Is Famous.

Litchfield, Ill., Nov. 22.—Zenos J. Rives, unknown beyond the limits of his home city, Litchfield, is representative-elect from the twenty-first Illinois district, and the fact is as surprising to him as it is to his defeated opponent, Ben F. Caldwell, a banker.

Rives is only twenty-three years old, and is just beginning the study of law in Litchfield, and while popular with his own friends, is not possessed of sufficiently large acquaintance through Montgomery county or the Congressional district to boast that he goes to Washington as the result of his own personal merit.

Rives did not make a campaign of his district at all, but pursuing the quiet solution of professional life in one of the smaller of Illinois cities, allowed his constituents to vote as they pleased without argument from him.

Representative Caldwell, who is defeated for re-election, is one of the popular men of central Illinois and is known throughout that portion of the state. He has been repeatedly elected to the lower house of Congress without difficulty, the strongest contest having been the struggle between himself and James A. Connolly six years ago.

He was renominated without opposition and was thought to have the election won, although he spoke in every county in his district and conducted an active campaign from Springfield. Next to the election of Rives in the twentieth district, with its 10,000 majority, Caldwell's election was conceded by the Republican organization.

The Yates-Cullom and Yates-Hamlin fight had much to do with the selection of a candidate in the Republican Congressional convention, and two nominations were made which were settled in court before the Secretary of State could decide which should appear on the official ballot under the Republican heading. Even with this handicap, Rives was elected by a majority of about five hundred. He woke to find himself a representative, and it is a safe assumption that he was the most surprised of all the victims of surprise parties as the result of that Tuesday's elections.

A DARING ATTEMPT.

Nebraska Was Captured After Having Shot Bank Cashier.

Norfolk, Neb., Nov. 23.—A robber yesterday entered the Platte county bank at Platte Center, 20 miles south of here and shot Cashier Barney Schroeder and escaped in a buggy.

Cashier Schroeder was at the teller's window when the robber appeared, and presenting a revolver, demanded the cash from the safe. Cashier Schroeder refused to turn the money over and the robber fired at him, the bullet taking effect in the breast. Schroeder is said to be fatally hurt.

William Schelp, a clerk in the bank, was in a back room when the robber entered. As soon as the clerk heard the shot he gave the alarm, but the robber jumped into his buggy and drove off. The citizens formed a posse at once and started in pursuit of the robber who evidently was alone.

The sheriff of Platte county at Columbus was also notified and started at once for Platte Center.

The robber was captured by Sheriff Carrig and gave his name as Wm. Holden, a farm hand.

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IN HUB MARKETS

Quotations on the Leading Products in Demand.

Boston, Nov. 24.—Butter is quiet, but the market is very firm and the tendency is upward on choice creamery in assorted sizes. Some choice lots in small sized packages have sold as high as 25c, but that is an extreme, 25c being about the top. Northern creamery, 23c@25c; western, 24c@25c; dairy, 21c@22c.

Cheese continues to advance, with really choice lots rather scarce. Holders are strong, and the market is quiet. Round lots, York state, 11c@12c; Vermont twins, 11c@11 3/4c.

Eggs are very firm for fresh gathered, with fancy prices being paid for choice henery. Western eggs are firmer for the best. Choice nearby, 40c@42c; eastern, 30c@35c; western, 25c@32c.

Beans are rather quiet, with yellow eyes and red kidneys lower, and other kinds steady. The quotations are: Carload lots, pea, \$1.80@1.85; medium, \$1.05@1.10; yellow eyes, \$2.00@2.05; red kidneys, \$2.00@2.05; California small white, \$2.50@2.55; foreign pea, \$1.85@1.90; foreign medium, \$1.90@1.95; jobbing prices, 10c@15c higher.

Thanksgiving week finds numerous changes in prices of fruits and vegetables. The lower grade of apples are selling at slightly lower prices, while superior stock is firmer. Fruit quotations follow:

Apples—Mackintosh reds, \$3.50@4.40; No. 1 Baldwins, \$1.50@1.75; greenings, York state, \$1.25@1.50; fancy Vermont, \$2.25@2.50; northern apples, common, \$1.50; fancy colored, \$2.50@3; kings, common, \$1.50@1.75; choice, \$3.25@3.50; common small, \$1.25@1.75; choice large, \$2.50@3.50; hubbards, \$1.50@1.75; Tolman sweets, \$1.75@2; pointed sweets, \$1.75@2.25; baldwins and greenings in bulk, open head bins, 90c@1.15; common varieties, \$1.25@1.50.

Cranberries—Cape Cod choice early varieties, \$4.50@5.50; choice late varieties, \$5.50@6.50; bbls; cts, \$1.65@2.25.

Pears—Native anjous, \$2.50@3.50; beurre bosc, \$2.75@3.50; sheldons, \$3.50@3.50; seckels, \$3.50@3.50; Jersey keifers, \$2.25@3.50; a double-head bbl.

Grapes—Western New York varieties, pony baskets, 10c@18c; western New York concord, 16c@18c; 8-lb bbls; almerias, \$3.50@3.50.

Potatoes have advanced a few cents a bu, and so have onions and spinach. Southern string beans are quoted at lower prices. There has been a decided slump in squash, and the price has gone from \$20 a ton for hubbards to \$12@14. Vegetable quotations follow:

Potatoes—Aroostook green mountains, 60c a bu; hebrons, 57c@58c; Dakota reds, 50c@55c; sweets, Norfolk cloth-heads, \$2.50@2.75 a bbl; eastern shore cloth-heads, \$2.75@2.87c a bbl; Jersey double-heads, \$3.25@3.50 a bbl.

Onions—Native, \$1 a bu; Spanish, \$3.50 a crt; leeks, 40c a doz bbls.

Turnips—Yellow, 50c@75c a bbl; white, 50c@75c a bu; French white, \$1.50 a bag.

Spinach, etc.—Spinach, 50c a bu; cabbage, 55c a bbl; savoy cabbages, 75c a bbl; red cabbages, 50c a box.

Lettuce, etc.—Hothouse lettuce, \$1@1.75 a box of three doz; chicory, 50c a box; mint, 50c a doz bbls; watercress, 50c a doz bbls; parsley, 50c a bu.

Beans—String beans, southern green, \$2 a bbl; wax, \$2.25 a bbl.

Miscellaneous—Beets, 50c a bu; carrots, 50c a bu; parsnips, 75c@85c a bu; cucumbers, \$2.25 a box; egg plants, \$1.50 a doz; marrow squash, 60c@75c a bbl; turban squash, 75c a bbl; western hubbard squash, \$12@14 a ton; celery, 50c@60c a doz bbls; Boston market celery, \$1.25@1.50 a doz bbls; radishes, \$1.50 a box; cauliflower, \$1.25@1.50 a box of 8 to 10 heads; pumpkins, 50c a box; brussels sprouts, 10c@12c a qt; oyster plants, 75c a doz; artichokes, \$1.50 a box; okra, \$2.50 a crt.

Pork products of all kinds are steady with a fair demand. Short cut and heavy backs, \$16.75; long cuts, \$18; medium, \$16; lean ends, \$18.75@19.75; bean pork, \$13.25@13.75; fresh ribs, 10c@10c; fresh shoulders, 8 3/4c; smoked shoulders, 8 3/4c; corned shoulders, 8 3/4c; hams, 10 1/4c@13c; skinned hams, 10 3/4c@11 1/4c.

Fresh beef has been steady, only the best cattle bringing top prices, and that only in a small way. There is still considerable light beef offering. Choice heavy cattle, 8c@8 1/4c; light, 6 1/2c@7 1/4c; heavy hinds, 11c@12c; light, 6 1/2c@7c; heavy forecs, 5 1/2c@7c; light, 4 1/2c@5c.

Lambs are steady, no change having been made; veals hold firm, with muttons and yearlings quiet. Western fall lambs, 7 1/2c@8 1/2c; spring lambs, 8 1/2c@9 1/2c; yearlings, 6 1/2c@7c; muttons, 6c@6 1/2c; veals, 9c@11c.

Hay is in moderate demand, with prices not materially changed; straw is firm; millfeed is dull and unchanged. No. 1, \$17@18; low grades, \$11@16; rye straw, \$22@22.50; oat straw, \$10.50@11.

Wheat has declined sharply, as the result of a successful bear raid. Begun by leading traders at Chicago, including it was understood, Armour interests, who at any rate were credited with most of the bear news accompanying it, the break was accelerated by reports that the Argentine crop outlook favored a larger production than last year.

NEAR ZERO IN BRITAIN.

Distress General, and Authorities are Organizing Relief Works.

London, Nov. 24.—The temperature in some districts of the United Kingdom during the night, although only twenty-five degrees below freezing point, was the lowest ever reported here. The distress is general, and the local authorities are organizing relief works. The interruption of road communications in the country continues, and the isolated villages are suffering severely. In a few instances wayfarers have been discovered frozen to death in the snow.

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